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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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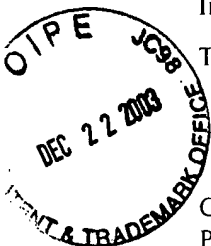
Group Art Unit: 1723

Inventors: Montalvao et al.

Filed: 12/14/2001

Title: CAVITATION METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR DEAERATION

Examiner: David A. Reifsnyder

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEESCommissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

## (1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

9/27/03

(Month/Day/Year)

## (2) Statutory Period Expires

12/27/03

(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

	<u>Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$ 420.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$ 950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$_____.

(B) ☒ Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (additional claims)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration	\$320.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$130.00
	\$750.00

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$950.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Praxair, Inc.

Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113

Telephone No. (203) 837-2669

Dated: December 19, 2003

Attorney Ref.: D-20920

Respectfully submitted,

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